

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 403

Introduced by Assembly Member Fuller

February 23, 2009

An act to amend Section 1917 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to dental hygienists.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 403, as introduced, Fuller. Dental hygienists: examinations and licensure.

Existing law, operative July 1, 2009, establishes the Dental Hygiene Committee of California in the Dental Board of California, and provides for the licensure and regulation of dental hygienists by the committee. Existing law requires the committee to license as a registered dental hygienist a person who completes an approved educational program, as specified, and who passes various examinations, including a national written dental hygiene examination approved by the committee, with specified exemptions.

This bill would provide that satisfactory completion of the dental hygiene examination given by the Western Regional Examining Board satisfies the national testing examination requirement for licensure as a dental hygienist.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1917 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

- 1 1917. The committee shall license as a registered dental
2 hygienist a person who satisfies all of the following requirements:
- 3 (a) Completion of an educational program for registered dental
4 hygienists, approved by the committee, accredited by the
5 Commission on Dental Accreditation, and conducted by a
6 degree-granting, postsecondary institution.
- 7 (b) Satisfactory performance on a clinical examination and an
8 examination in California law and ethics as prescribed by the
9 committee.
- 10 (c) Satisfactory completion of ~~a~~ *the dental hygiene examination*
11 *given by the Western Regional Examining Board or any other*
12 national written dental hygiene examination approved by the
13 committee.